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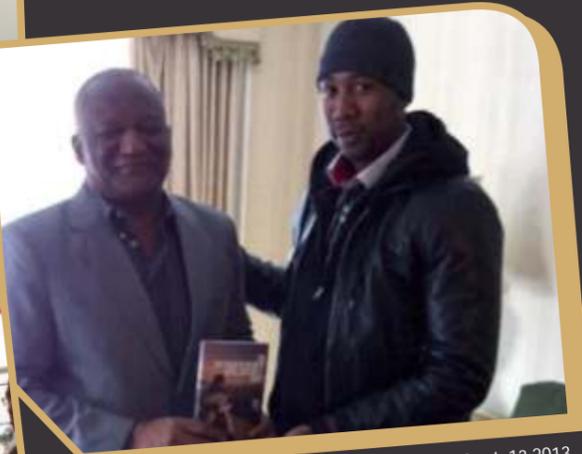
Sen. Bukola Meets with FADE Staff



Dr Jibunoh with CNN African voices crew



Dr Jibunoh with Amina J. Mohammed, UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning in New York



Dr Jibunoh Meets With Ndaba Mandela - March 13 2013



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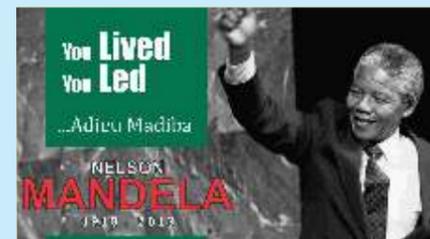
Mandela Garden of 95 Trees
Asaba, Delta State.

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Dr. Newton Jibunoh on CNN African Voices

Dr Newton Jibunoh was featured on CNN "African Voices", a weekly show that highlights Africa's most engaging personalities, exploring the lives and passions of people who rarely open themselves up to the camera.

On the show, he shared his experiences traversing the Sahara desert and what

the expeditions meant to him.

The 30minute show, broadcast on February 20, 2013 would be Dr Jibunoh's 2nd appearance on the International news channel.

To view, visit: <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/02/20/world/africa/newton-jibunoh-sahara-desert/index.html>



Candle Light Vigil in Honour of Nelson Mandela

To mark the demise of African hero Nelson Mandela who passed away on December 5, 2013, FADE organized a Candle Light Vigil on Sunday December 15, 2013 by 7pm at the Mandela Garden of 95 Trees Asaba, Delta State Nigeria. This was symbolic to

Candle Light Dinner for Mandela

December 15, 2013

correlate with the weeklong burial activities that were undertaken in South Africa in honour of the late icon.

FADE's association with Nelson Mandela and South Africa dates back to when FADE was an official delegation to the Earth Summit in 2000 and were received by the Mandela Family and Mr Jacob Zuma who was then Deputy President of South Africa.

The association, which has budded over the years, culminated in a relationship

that landed Nigeria and indeed Delta State, one of the monuments in the world today, the Mandela Garden of 95 Trees, with The Mandela family represented by Mr Ndaba Mandela and Ms Dorothy Amuah, grandchildren of Madiba present at the commissioning.

We celebrate him always and pray his ideals will continue to live on in our hearts...

RIP MADIBA!

Editor's Note

A lot happened in the year 2013, the period being documented in the activities of FADE AFRICA. Our grand project, Mandela Garden of 95 trees was commissioned in Delta State, in partnership with Delta State government and Africa Rising Foundation. We also honored Africa's great icon of freedom Nelson Mandela in so many ways. FADE organized a vigil to mark his demise.

Also in this quarter, FADE founder was featured on the international news channel, CNN and also honoured with a lifetime achievement award.

There were so many achievements made, and a lot of collaborations yielded positive results, despite challenges faced. We indeed have a lot to share with you on our efforts to keep the environment green and healthy for us all. I hope you find this edition a great read, and please contact us for comments and enquiries.



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FADE on a Condolence Visit to the Emir of Kano

Field Trip – Condolence Visit Courtesy Calls and Project Site Visits

February 6 – 8 2013.

FADE paid a courtesy call and condolence visit to the Emirate Council Kano following the recent assassination attempt on the Emir of Kano, His Highness Alhaji (Dr.) Ado Bayero and his sons.

The assassination attempt led to the death of two (2) of the Emir's personal guards. Staff of FADE, led by Dr Newton Jibunoh and FADE Programme Manager (North) Alhaji Abdulazzeq Abba, were received by the Senior Councillor, Wabam Kano.



Executive Governor of Lagos, His Excellency Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN) planting a tree

75 Trees Birthday Celebrations

– January 1, 2013

Birthdays are usually marked in different ways. For some, it is usually a day for partying, for others, it goes unmarked, while for a few, it's a day to further share their personal beliefs and values with humanity. For Dr Newton Jibunoh, Founder of Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE), his 75th birthday was a day to encourage his friends and family to join him in caring for our planet. On January 1 2013, it was an honor for his family, friends of the environment and colleagues to start the new year with him by planting a tree symbolizing a fresh start to mark his 75th birthday.

The special guest of honor was the Executive Governor of Lagos, His Excellency Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN), Chairman was the President of Nigerian Conservation Foundation, Chief Philip Asiodu and Royal Father of the Day was His Highness Emir of Kano who was represented by his brother, Tafindan Kano, Alhaji Tijani Abubakar.

Also in attendance were the General TY Danjuma (Rtd) and his wife, Daisy;

Honorable Commissioner of Environment, Mr Tunji Bello, Professor and Professor (Mrs) J.P Clark, Speaker Delta State House of Assembly represented by Honourable Emma Chinye, Governor of Delta State represented by Dr Festus Okubo Chief of Staff, Chairman, Lagos State Inland Revenue Service, Mr Tunde Fowler, Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr Alan Davies, The Murray Bruce Brothers, staff and students of hosting school and sister schools and other dignitaries. Pastor Paul Adefarasin, who came in the company of his wife, Ifeanyi gave the opening prayers. Mr Ben Murray Bruce of Silverbird Group, the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) – Alhaji Mustafa Shehu, representative of the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Tijani Abubakar and the representative of the Delta State Governor, Dr Festus Okubo, gave good will messages and spoke on their relationship with the celebrant.

The 75 trees were planted at the Wahab Folawiyo High School, Osborne Road Ikoyi, on portions of land allocated jointly by the Lagos State Parks and Gardens Agency and Lagos Ministry of Environment.



MANDELA GARDEN OF 95 TREES IN DELTA STATE



(From L-R) Dr Desmond Majekodunmi, Ms Dorothy Amuah, Mr Ndaba Mandela, Gen T.Y Danjuma, Chief (Dr) Newton Jibunoh, Chief (Mrs)Elizabeth Jiunoh, Mrs Olufunso Amosun and CeeJay Jibunoh



Ndaba Mandela unveiling the Mandela Gardens Plaque

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They are resources for recreation, education, research opportunities and employment, raising the living standard of the host community members and residents in surrounding states. In many communities, gardens provide refuge from the stress of the city, helping modern adults and children reconnect with plants and the natural world. Furthermore, they provide immense economic value, as it is known that the proximity of a garden to a property increases the value of the property.

In addition to these aesthetic benefits, urban trees improve air quality by trapping harmful particulates, help in reducing land erosion by controlling rainfall run off, absorbing carbon dioxide to fight climate change and producing oxygen.

Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE) Africa in alliance with the Delta State Government and Africa Rising Foundation, the conveners of the "Mandela Is..." campaign, established a garden of 95 trees in Asaba Delta State, to commemorate Nelson Mandela's 95th birthday, as the rest of the world marks the July 18 United Nations endorsed International Mandela Day, to celebrate the world-revered icon.



"The Mandela Garden of 95 Trees" located inside Asaba International Airport, Delta State, was commissioned in October 2013.

The Phase One of the project involved the creation of the garden which is designed in the shape of the Map of Africa using 95 Trees, with the maps of Nigeria, South Africa and Delta State clearly delineated with trees as well. Amenities such as Children's playground, equipped gazebo, male and female conveniences, enquiry office and gatehouse have been provided.

Members of the Nelson Mandela Family led by Ndaba Mandela, the Chairman of Africa Rising Foundation, were present to flag off the planting of the trees at the launch of the Mandela Garden of 95 Trees in Nigeria. Construction of the second phase would involve the development of an exhibition hall, library, 500-seater conference centre, sets of paired hospitality suites and a Games reserve. These are aimed at servicing the needs of both neighboring



Delta State Governor, Dr Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan giving his Keynote address



South African representatives and Mobola Atobatele

communities and visiting tourists. Dignitaries on state visits can also be brought to the garden to plant a tree in honor of Nelson Mandela.

There are high expectations that the park will service about 5 states in the South- South and Southeastern regions of Nigeria who are within a two hour drive from Asaba, as the garden is strategically located within the Asaba International Airport hence easy to navigate. The library and exhibition hall will be equipped with materials that depict the life and message Nelson Mandela was popularly known for. The completed resort will offer both tourism, educational provisions for the general public as well as meet other socioeconomic needs.

FADE Africa, has over the years been responsible for fighting desertification in Northern Nigeria and promoting awareness on the dangers of environmental degradation, climate change and global warming in farming communities bordering the Sahara Desert. On the other hand, Dr Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan, the Executive Governor of Delta State and host of the ceremony is celebrated for his green economic strides in environmental conservation. This perfect partnership gave birth to beautiful garden, the first of its kind in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa in memory of one Africa's bravest.

A local dance troupe also thrilled the audience.

Quote

It always seems impossible until it's done.

- Nelson Mandela

Inauguration of Council and Boards

– NSE-TAD
– January 29, 2013



Africa is the only continent without a highway that links the entire continent. Accessibility within the continent has been limited due to this deficit therefore spurring the NSE to take up the challenge of actualizing the trans-Atlantic highway, conceived over 50 years ago.

A memorandum of understanding between Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE) and Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has been signed to raise the N800billion naira needed for the construction of the corridor. The NSE has raised a governing council to execute the fund raising plans with the belief that opening up the Sahara will bring about smooth intercontinental trade, creating the multiplier effect of employment

opportunities, education, industrial growth, access to energy and water, reduction in cross border migration, recovery of encroached lands for agriculture and grazing purposes for millions of Africans that border the Sahara. This will invariably check threat to food security. The great highway will also be first road to connect the entire continent of Africa.

The next line of action will be to review the status of the existing road network and carry out feasibility studies to ascertain the financial and human resources required to achieve the objectives. Visits will also be paid to the headquarters of the financiers involved are the African Development Bank, the

Islamic Development Bank, the Arab Bank for African Economic Development, and the OPEC Fund. A trans-Atlantic highway connecting African countries through the Sahara desert would mean reduced number of hungry people, reduced terrorism and reduced number of deaths in the desert.



Sukuzi Motors donates a 2013 Grand Vitara Jeep to FADE

– March 14 2013



A Suzuki Vitara was donated to FADE by Suzuki Motors to support its mission of sustaining the African environment and the planet as a whole. It was donated to support the Mandela Garden of 95 Trees situated in Asaba Delta State on March 14, 2014.

The handover took place during the Legislative Retreat on Climate Change for Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Environment, where Dr Jibunoh was present to chair a technical session. Present at the handover of the vehicle were the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment, Lagos, Dr Newton Jibunoh Suzuki Brand Ambassador and founder of FADE Africa, Deepak Shewakramani of C&I Motors and Chairman of Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Environment.

Suzuki has been a proud sponsor of Dr Jibunoh's expeditions.

Lifetime Achievement Award

by Silverbird Group
– February 28, 2013

When people bring about change in their society, they are usually recognized and appreciated. On Thursday February 28, 2013, Silverbird Group brought together men and women of excellence at its 7th edition of the annual Silverbird Man of the Year Award. Dr Newton Jibunoh received the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his fight against desertification and promotion of environmental sustainability. Other awardees were Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Former Secretary General of the Commonwealth; posthumous awards were given to Major Isaac Boro, received by his daughter and also to renowned musician and activist, Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, received by his daughter Yeni Kuti.

The Man of the Year award went to Mrs Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Nigeria's Minister of Finance and Coordinator of the Economy.



67 Minutes for Mandela



Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE) joined the rest of the world in celebrating the United Nations International Mandela Day on July 18 2013 at the grounds of the Mandela Garden of 95 Trees inside the Asaba International Airport.

The idea was for individuals to donate 67 minutes of their time in celebrating Nelson Mandela where each minute represents the 67 years of his life spent selflessly propagating the message of justice and freedom.

At the garden, volunteers helped lay walkways, plant and water trees in honor of Mandela and also helped with clearing the surroundings of debris and waste.

By this celebration, Nelson Mandela's ideals of a life of service to humanity by developing a culture of helping others is to be imbibed, as our collective power to do good, be selfless and make an imprint on the world is celebrated.